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Re: U.S. Application No. 09/198,779  
Filed: November 24, 1998  
Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated  
with the Methionine Synthesis and Degradation Pathways  
Inventors: BLEDIG *et al.*  
Atty. Docket: 16517.214

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. an Amendment in response to the Office Action mailed October 2, 2001;
2. a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
3. Form PTO-1449 with 2 accompanying references;
4. Check No. 148012 in the amount of \$180.00 for submission of Information Disclosure Statement fee; and
5. a return postcard.

Please stamp the attached postcard with the filing date of these documents and return it to our courier.

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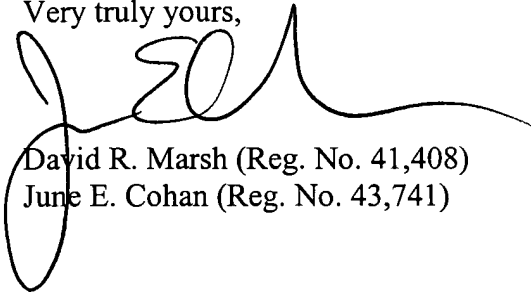
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Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-1824 referencing docket number 16517.214. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "DM", with a large loop on the left and a horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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